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WIFI in Cities
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a project for providing free of cost high speed wi-fi facility in the cities, towns and panchayats of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cities, towns and panchayats identified under the said project, tate/Union-Territory-wise and the time by which the said project will be implemented;

(d) the total kilometers of fibre cable laid in the country under this project, State/Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether the Government has decided to provide wi-fi facilities at 100 tourist destinations across the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the places identified for providing these services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) & (b) The Telecom Commission has approved, 'in-principle', for the implementation strategy for the BharatNet project in 3 phases to establish a network infrastructure by connecting all Gram Panchayats in the country with Optical Fibre Network (OFC) for broadband connectivity. Under Phase−II of this project, an outdoor Public Wi-Fi Access Point would be set up in each of the Gram Panchayats of India with funding from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), while the provision of services to citizens would be implemented through Viability Gap Funding (VGF) model, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.
(c) All Gram Panchayats in the country will be covered under the BharatNet project. The Phase-II of the project is envisaged to be completed by September, 2018.
(d) Total 1, 43,445 Km Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) has been laid under BharatNet project as on 6th November, 2016. The State/UT wise status of the BharatNet project is enclosed herewith at Annexure-I.
(e) & (f) The details of the 100 tourist places across India where the Central Government has decided to provide Wi-Fi facility are placed at Annexure-II.

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Annexure-I
State-wise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 06.11.2016
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Sr. No. States/ UTs No. of Gram Panchayats (GPs)- Phase I Pipe laid (kms.) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid (in kms) No. of GPs where OFC laid Connectivity provided
(GPs)
1 Assam 1013 2252 2088 770 243
2 Bihar 5202 8786 7615 2891 333
3 Chhattisgarh 2110 5392 5147 1724 943
4. Haryana 6090 6257 6244 3871 296
5. Jammu & Kashmir 624 253 240 118 0
6. Karnataka 5599 10383 10764 5256 4826
7. Kerala 977 720 826 1129 1129
8. Madhya Pradesh 10516 23760 21458 7141 629
9. Maharashtra 12055 17623 15471 6999 842
10. Punjab 6128 6471 6213 4290 70
11. Rajasthan 6967 15980 15005 4834 810
12. Uttar Pradesh 22514 35083 26645 12406 920
13. Uttarakhand 1767 2141 1857 1006 216
14. West Bengal 2713 2641 2534 920 107
15. Andaman & Nicobar 69 0 0 0 0
16. Chandigarh 12 18 19 12 12
17. Arunachal Pradesh 256 693 117 22 0

18. Nagaland 743 2171 818 194 0
19. Manipur 24 71 73 24 26
20. Mizoram 163 448 123 5 0
21. Tripura 1021 1560 1368 641 79
22. Meghalaya 651 1133 277 80 0
23. Gujarat 5771 7969 6308 2859 320
24. Puducherry 98 82 92 98 101
25. Andhra Pradesh 0 1913 21 0 0
26. Telangana 2097 4266 4043 1818 127
27. Odisha 3388 5801 4962 2091 335
28. Jharkhand 1428 3046 2920 1202 233
29. Himachal Pradesh 283 288 196 62 0
30. Daman & Diu 0 0 0 0 0
31. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0 0 0 0 0
32. Sikkim 0 0 0 0 0
33. Lakshadweep 10 0 0 0 0
34. Tamil Nadu 0 0 0 0 0
35. Goa* - - - - -
Grand Total 100289 167202 143445 62463 12597
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*All the GPs of Goa are already connected with Optical Fibre

ANNEXURE-II

List of 100 tourist sites where Wi-Fi facility is to be provided by the Central Government
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Sl. No. NAME OF THE SITES STATE/UT
1 Ramakrishna Beach, Vizag Andhra Pradesh
2 Lal Bagh, Bangalore Karnataka
3 Brindavan Gardens, Mysore Karnataka
4 Cubbon Park Karnataka
5 Guruvayur Temple Kerala
6 Upper Lake, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh
7 Orchcha Temple Madhya Pradesh
8 Boulevard, Pondicherry Tamil Nadu
9 Meenakshi Temple, Madurai Tamil Nadu
10 Botanical Garden, Ooty Tamil Nadu
11 Hussein Sagar Lake Hyderabad
12 Jagannath Temple, Puri Odisha
13 Har Ki Pauri, Haridwar Uttarakhand
14 Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur Tamil Nadu
15 Hampi Karnataka
16 Taj Mahal, Agra Uttar Pradesh
17 FatehpurSikri, Agra Uttar Pradesh
18 Sarnath Temple Uttar Pradesh
19 Khajuraho Madhya Pradesh
20 Konark Temple Odisha
21 Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram Tamil Nadu
22 Tirumala Temple Andhra Pradesh
23 Bodh Gaya Bihar
24 Deveka Beach Gujarat
25 Daman Fort Daman & Diu
26 Nagoa Beach Daman & Diu
27 Vanganga Lake Garden Dadra & Nagar Haveli
28 Ghats of Varanasi Uttar Pradesh
29 Char Minar, Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh
30 Dakshineshwar Temple West Bengal
31 National Rail Museum Delhi
32 PuranaQuila Delhi
33 India Gate(Lawn) Delhi
34 National Museum Delhi
35 Lodhi Garden Delhi
36 Humayun's Tomb Delhi
37 Red Fort Delhi
38 Qutub Complex Delhi
39 Safdarjung Tomb Delhi
40 Rajpath Lawns, India Gate Delhi
41 Elephant Caves Maharashtra
42 Marine Drive Maharashtra
43 Chowpaty Beach Maharashtra

44 Great Buddha Statue, Bodh Gaya Bihar
45 Rose Gardens Chandigarh
46 Pinjore Gardens Haryana
47 The Mall, Shimla Himachal Pradesh

48 Lady Hydri Park, Shilong Meghalaya
49 M.G.Road, Gangtok Sikkim
50 Victoria Memorial, Kolkata West Bengal
51 Indian Museum, Kolkata West Bengal
52 Botanical Gardens, kolkata West Bengal
53 Virbhadra Temple, Lepakshi Andhra Pradesh
54 Kailashnath Temple, Kanchipuram Tamil Nadu
55 Group of Temples, Pattadakal Karnataka
56 Group of Temples, Aihole Karnataka
57 Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala, Belur Karnataka
58 GolGumbaz, Bijapur Karnataka
59 DariyaDaulatBagh, Srirangapattnam Karnataka
60 Shravanabelagola Karnataka
61 Bekal Fort Kerala
62 Fort Kochi Kerala
63 Rani-Ki Vav, Patan Gujarat
64 RamappaTemple,Warangal Telengana
65 Golkonda Fort Telengana
66 Sun Temple, Modhera Gujarat
67 Diu Fort, Diu Gujarat
68 Royal Places, Mandu Madhya Pradesh
69 Buddisht Monuments at Sanchi Madhya Pradesh
70 Gwalior Fort, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh
71 Pre-historic rock shelters of Bhimbetka Madhya Pradesh
72 Group of Temples at Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh
73 Kushinagar Uttar Pradesh
74 Rani Jhansi Fort,Jhansi Uttar Pradesh
75 Residency,Lucknow Uttar Pradesh
76 Itmad-ud-oaula's Tomb Uttar Pradesh
77 Rushikonda Beach, Vizag Andhra Pradesh
78 Pulicat Lake, Nellore Andhra Pradesh
79 Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad Telengana
80 Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad Telengana
81 Medak Church Telengana
82 Water Sports Complex, Aberdeen Bazar, Port Blair Andaman &Nicobor Islands
83 Kamkhya Temple, Guwahati Assam
84 Rajgir Bihar
85 Vaishali Bihar
86 Miraman Beach, Goa Maharashtra
87 Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Goa Maharashtra
88 Veena Lake, Mahabaleswar Maharashtra
89 Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad Gujarat
90 Ulsoor Lake, Bengaluru Karnataka
91 Mysore Palace,Mysore Karnataka
92 Badami Caves, Bagalkote Karnataka
93 Gwalior Fort, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh
94 Marble Rocks, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh
95 Pachmarhi Hills Madhya Pradesh
96 Kodaikanal Tamilnadu
97 Yercaud Tamilnadu
98 Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kanyakumari Tamilnadu
99 Bara Imambara, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh
100 Triveni Sangam, Allahabad Uttar Pradesh
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